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# **Commissioner Spotlight**

The focus of this issue's spotlight is on the newest appointee, James Migliaccio, representing Lee District, who joined the Planning Commission in July 2010.



James T. Migliaccio was appointed on June 22, 2010 by the Board of Supervisors on a motion by Supervisor Jeff McKay to complete the remaining term of Rodney Lusk. Commissioner Migliaccio officially was sworn in by Clerk of the Circuit Court John Frey on July 14th, and his term will expire at the end December 2011.

When asked about experiences to date as the Lee District Commissioner, Migliaccio responded, "It has been a great ride thus far. Everyone on the Planning Commission, including its staff, has been very welcoming and most accommodating while the learning experience curve associated with being He also noted his surprise at how much time was "needed to truly do the

position justice."
"Between reading all staff reports, many community meetings, the PC and its committee meetings, and any independent research done on pertinent topics, the time quickly adds up," he said.

Commenting on what he views as the significant

developments in the Lee District, Migliaccio said that he considers the work accomplished to revitalize the Springfield Mall and its surroundings, as well as the ongoing impact of BRAC on the influx of land use cases in the district to be the most noteworthy. He also pointed out that once implemented, he believes that the "new Springfield Mall plan will hopefully act as a catalyst for new development in the greater Springfield area." He also noted that "BRAC will continue to he opportunity and challenge for Lee District and the southeastern part of the county in the years to come."

Migliaccio has observed how the "county is moving from a largely suburban entity to one with growing pockets of urban areas." He also anticipates that there will likely be "more mixed-use projects moving forward that will allow residents to live closer to where they work and shop, and the land around the existing Metro stations will be better utilized by projects that take advantage of increasing density."

When asked if he has any specific goals that he would like to accomplish during his tenure on the Commission, Migliaccio responded that he would like to "continue the work of the previous Lee District Commissioners by shepherding good projects through the process while including the longstanding Lee District tradition of strong community input." He added that "specifically, I would like to help in the revitalization of Richmond Highway Corridor and continue revitalization efforts in the greater Springfield area."

Migliaccio currently owns and operates Migliaccio Solutions, which provides effective and creative public relations campaigns and grassroots outreach consulting services for companies and organizations to achieve their goals. From 2004-2007, he worked as

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# **Tysons Plan Receives National Award**

Congratulations to the Planning Commission, especially its Tysons Corner Committee chaired by Commissioner Walter Alcorn, the Board of Supervisors, County staff and the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force, for receiving the 2011 Daniel Burnham Award for the Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner from the American Planning Association (APA). The Burnham Award is considered APA's most prestigious award. It is given for only one comprehensive plan in the United States every year that advances the science and art of planning. The award is named for Daniel Burnham, author of the 1909 Plan of Chicago and architect of Washington, D.C.'s National Mall and Union Station.

Nominations for the Burnham Award were evaluated on the following eight criteria: originality and innovation; transferability; quality; comprehensiveness; public participation; role of planners; implementation strategy and effectiveness and results. The Chairman of the Awards Jury, Marie L. York, AICP, said, "The transformation of (Tysons)...is the first of its kind and will likely become a national model."

"We could not have received this prestigious award without the dedication and support provided by the Planning Commission and especially Walter Alcorn, Chair of the Tysons Committee," Fred R. Selden, Acting Director, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), noted. "We look forward to continuing to work with the Planning Commission to create a brighter future for Tysons, the County and the region as a whole."

The award was presented at a luncheon at the APA National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts on April 11, 2011 with former DPZ Director Jim Zook, Commissioner Walter Alcorn, and DPZ staff members Matt Ladd, Linda Hollis and Sterling Wheeler in attendance to accept on behalf of Fairfax County.



Bruce Knight, APA President; Walter Alcorn; Matt Ladd; Linda Hollis; Sterling Wheeler; and Marie York, Chair, Awards Committee (left to right), accept the Burnham Award at the APA National Conference in April.

# **PC Roundtable Update**

The Planning Commission Roundtable, a 30-minute panel discussion on Cox Cable Channel 16, is broadcast every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. (if the Commission is not in session or the meeting has finished) and features various "experts" on land use-related issues of interest to Fairfax County residents. The PC Roundtable has covered more than 65 topics since its inception in 2003. A summary of each broadcast is included on the Planning Commission Web site. All former broadcasts can be viewed at the Planning Commission Office, Suite 330, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. In addition, beginning with the July/August 2009 broadcast, DVD copies can also be borrowed from the Commission Office's "video lending library." If interested, call the Commission Office at 703-324-2865. For summary information about previous PC Roundtable programs, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/roundtable.pdf.

The three programs described below were broadcast from January 2011 - April 2011, with the most recent edition available via live video streaming during the scheduled Channel 16 broadcast times. The April telecast is also available anytime via Video on Demand on the county's Web site at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc\_roundtable.htm.

### Telecommunications Facilities and Safety Issues (Part 2) -Broadcast in January 2011

This edition of the PC Roundtable continued discussion on telecommunications facilities built in the county, along with the Federal and State rules governing construction, safety and health

considerations. Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy was joined once again by his guests: Jeffrey Steinberg, Deputy Chief of the Spectrum and Competition Policy Division at the FCC; Dominick Arcuri, Senior Vice President, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Southeast Regions, RCC Consultants; and David Marshall, Chief, Facilities Planning Branch, Planning Division, in the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Fort Belvoir/BRAC Update - Broadcast in February/March 2011 This edition of the PC Roundtable featured an update on the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) implementation plans at Ft. Belvoir. Joining Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy was Colonel John Strycula, Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander, who provided information on the latest implementation activities occurring at Ft. Belvoir related to BRAC.

### DPZ IT Innovations - Broadcast in April 2011

This current program features the latest innovations and materials now available to the public on the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) Web site. Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy is joined by his guest, Greg Chase, Web Content

Manager, Internet/Intranet Architect II, DPZ, as they discuss how this updated technology allows users to research and find both current and dated land use information.

# Meet Lee District Commissioner James Migliaccio

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Division Manager at TSCG, Inc., a national management consulting firm specializing in land use development issues. He notes that these jobs allowed him the opportunity to "travel the country working on land development projects." "I primarily worked in the Midwest and the East coast (avoiding any Virginia projects) performing community outreach on behalf of corporations in some of their most difficult projects. The projects have run the gamut from gaining a TIF [Tax Increment Financing] agreement to assisting in an expansion of an existing shopping center to attempting to get the necessary land use approvals for an IGCC [Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle] coal plant," he explained.

Migliaccio received a B.S. in Political Science from James Madison University. Based on this education, he said he "thought it was a natural progression to become involved in campaigns as a paid staffer." He has worked on campaigns from the local level to presidential, including statewide campaigns in Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, New Hampshire and California. On his last campaign, he served as the New Hampshire field director for the Wesley Clark for President Campaign. Closer to home, Migliaccio served as Chief of Staff for Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross from 2001-2002 and Deputy Chief of Staff for former U.S. Senator Charles S. Robb from 1999-2001.

When asked how those political experiences helped in his current role as a Fairfax County Planning Commissioner, he replied, "These positions allowed me to hone my

listening and time management skills, and the ability to bring all stakeholders to the table, to hear all sides of an issue, compromise and ultimately make a "Perhaps the greatest decision." takeaway from working for an elected official is recognizing that you will never please everyone with your decision but you need to make the right one as you see the facts," he noted. Migliaccio cites the highlights of his career so far in the realm of public service and land use issues to include "working for the citizens of Virginia on Capitol Hill for U.S. Senator Chuck Robb and of course being appointed to the Planning Commission."

Migliaccio also earned a Certificate in Congressional Staff Relations from the Legislative Studies Institute (LSI), which he explained was "a six-month graduate level program that brought together young professionals seeking a better understanding of Capitol Hill." "The LSI program involved a Fellowship in a congressional office, classes taught by the Senate Parliamentarian and other leading experts on the legislative process," he noted. Migliaccio said he completed the program for educational aspects and to better situate himself for working on Capitol Hill. The LSI now is part of the Leadership Institute based in Arlington.

Migliaccio was born in Fauquier County and currently resides in the Springfield area of Lee District. As a lifelong resident of northern Virginia, he decided to move to the Springfield area "due to its high quality of life," proximity a Metro station, shops restaurants, major highways Kingstowne and to "be a part of a revitalization it grows." area as

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Migliaccio has one son, Alexander, who is preschool age. "At his age, it is amazing how quickly he grows. I enjoy watching his face light up as he experiences and learns new things. He allows me to put everything else into the right context and perspective," he said.

An avid hiker and outdoorsman, Migliaccio hiked the Inca Trail in Peru in 2008 and backpacked solo in Southeast Asia in 2001. On a recent trip to Costa Rica, he swam in a bioluminescent bay and zip lined in a rain forest. He has also camped in Yellowstone. Every August, Migliaccio travels to Saratoga Springs, New York to visit the oldest horse racetrack in North America.

In his spare time, Migliaccio enjoys solving crossword puzzles, golfing, traveling, hiking, working in his yard and landscaping. He is also a proud fan of the Washington Nationals and Capitals.



# 2010 Report of Activities Now Available Online



The Planning Commission's 2010 Report of Activities is now available online. The report highlights 2010 Planning Commission land use actions and committee activities, as well as staff workload, website statistics and biographical information on the Planning Commission members and staff. To read this report, or reports from previous years, please visit <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/reportsofactivities.htm">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/reportsofactivities.htm</a>.

# What is the Tysons Corner Partnership?

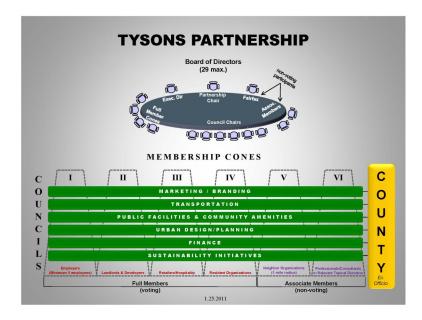
The Tysons Partnership, formed on January 19, 2011, is a private, non-profit umbrella organization that will help steer and implement the redevelopment and transformation of Tysons Corner. The purpose of the Tysons Partnership, as stated in its Business Plan, is to promote and enable the new Vision for the whole of Tysons, and to improve and sustain the quality of life for those who work, play and live in the new Tysons mixed-use urban center. It is envisioned to act as a central coordinating and/or implementation body for many of the changes and new requirements, including those related to the environment, transportation, civic amenities and urban form.



The creation of the Partnership was suggested by the Tysons Land Use Task Force and the organization consists exclusively of landowners and businesses within the Tysons Corner boundaries. Though formed at the behest of the Board of Supervisors, the group will be independent from Fairfax County Government and civic organizations outside the Tysons area but will continue to work with those groups and consider their input. Representatives from various Fairfax County agencies, including the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment and the Department of Transportation, are ex-officio members of the Partnership Board and will partner with its committees to facilitate communication and act as a liaison between the county and the Partnership.

As illustrated in the figure to the right, the Tysons Partnership structure provides for a Board of Directors with a maximum of 29 Members of the Board include members. representatives of the four voting "cones," two non-voting cones and six councils. Cones 1 through 4 consist of employers (with a minimum of five employees); landowners and developers; retailers/hospitality providers; and resident organizations/associations within the Tysons area. The non-voting associate cones represent neighborhood organizations within a one-mile radius (Cone V) and professionals/consultants (Cone VI). The six councils will oversee the following areas:

- 1. Marketing/Branding
- 2. Transportation
- 3. Public Facilities and Community Amenities
- 4. Urban Design/Planning
- 5. Finance
- 6. Sustainability Initiatives





The initial focus of the Tysons Partnership to date has been on transportation issues, such as the grid of streets and the circulator study, financing alternatives and urban design guidelines.

The Tysons Partnership will also function as the Transportation Management Association and is expected to assume the duties of the current TYTRAN (Tysons Transportation Association, Inc.). The Partnership will also serve as the Transportation Demand Management coordinator, promoting

Transit-Oriented Development and maintaining TYTRAN programs such as *Try Transit, Workout to Work* and *Fill 'Er Up.* 

The Partnership budget will be derived from dues, corporate sponsorships and grants that will fund its office and staff members as well as various work-related functions. Public infrastructure funding will likely come from Federal, State and county funds, improvement districts and public/private partnerships.

# **Committee Updates**

# Capital Improvement Program Committee

Members: Tim Sargeant, Frank de la Fe, James Migliaccio, Peter Murphy

Alternate: John Litzenberger

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee met on March 16th to review the proposed FY 2012-2016 Advertised CIP (with Future Fiscal Years to 2021) and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Planning Commission.

Following discussion with county staff (Martha Reed, Capital Programs Coordinator, Department of Management

Budget and and Carey Needham, Chief, Building Design Planning Branch, and Design Division, Department Public Works and Environmental Services). the

Committee sent forward to the Planning Commission a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that it approve the Advertised CIP for FY 2012 – 2016, with future years to 2021, to include a bond program designed to:

- Continue to fund projects currently underway;
- Include county Bond Referenda in the fall of 2012 for \$120 million;
- Increase school bond sales for FY 2013 and beyond from \$130 to \$155 million per year;
- Include \$100 million for roads and transit in the fall of 2014 in light of the Tysons Corner area transformation;
- Maintain a steady level of school bond referenda at \$240 million in the fall of 2011, 2013 and 2015;
- Fund a limited pay-down program for critical projects and begin to address the Department of Justice requirements for ADA improvements;
- Continue the three-year short-term borrowing plan to address renewal backlogs; and
- Identify significant future requirements, including a Public Safety Headquarters to replace the Massey Building, requirements associated with the Tysons Corner Redevelopment

Plan and support for the Dulles Rail Project.

On March 23rd, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to endorse the recommendations of the CIP Committee.

### **Environment Committee**

Members: James Hart, Earl Flanagan, Tim Sargeant, Jay Donahue, Ken Lawrence

Alternates: Walter Alcorn, Frank de la Fe, James Migliaccio

The Environment Committee held five meetings during the first four months of 2011. Each meeting is briefly summarized below.

January 19th: Ellen Eggerton, Green Building Ombudsman with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), continued her presentation on green building energy monitoring (begun on December 2, 2010). She commented on construction costs related to commercial green buildings and noted that the cost per square foot for buildings seeking LEED certification was comparable to buildings seeking similar program type certification. Noel Kaplan, Senior Environmental Planner, Environment and Development Review Branch, Planning Division (PD), Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), noted that an interagency team was examining ways to enforce solid waste concepts as they relate to green buildings and suggested that staff of the Solid Waste Management Division, DPWES, be invited to a future meeting to discuss this issue. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that data on countywide energy consumption be collected to demonstrate to the public that green building practices could produce real energy savings. He suggested that the following topics be discussed at future Committee meetings: separation of recyclable and nonrecyclable materials; recycling of compact fluorescent light bulbs; and reducing energy consumption from an empty workspace.

February 3rd: Randy Bartlett with the Stormwater Management Division of DPWES gave Part 2 of his PowerPoint presentation on stream protection and water quality (Part 1 was held on October 6, 2010). He commented on the reconnection of floodplains, operation and maintenance costs for projects, weeding and revegetation, sediment removal and pervious pavers. Mr. Bartlett advised the Committee that DPWES was not considering LEED criteria for stormwater management retrofit projects inasmuch as the Tysons Corner

Plan addressed the provision of stormwater management measures that met LEED criteria. Chairman Hart suggested that the Committee could learn more about the topic by taking a field trip to see a stormwater management project. Commissioner Lawrence added that observing a project under construction or after completion would provide actual examples of stormwater management benefits on the environment.



February 24th: The Committee met with Noel Kaplan and Maya Dhavale, PD, DPZ, to discuss proposed revisions to the Green Building Policy contained in the Policy

Plan. The Committee commented on ENERGY STAR qualification and water and energy usage and discussed whether green building standards should be applied to historic structures. Revisions to the first three pages of the strawman draft were proposed and the Committee agreed to complete its review in April.

March 10th: DPWES staff (Joyce Doughty, Jeff Smithberger and Pamela Gratton) presented a briefing on Fairfax County's program of solid waste and recycling management., including the responsibilities of the waste management program and facilities, and the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Energy/Resource Recovery Facility. Staff also distributed a list of 18 potential recycling proffers that the Commission could request applicants to provide when reviewing land use applications.

April 14th: The Committee continued its discussion with Noel Kaplan and Maya Dhavale on the Green Building Policy Review Strawman, made additional revisions to the document., and asked staff to return with a final version of the edited document. Committee members scheduled another meeting for April 28th to discuss the process to involve stakeholders as well as complete review of the strawman document.

### **Parks Committee**

Members: Frank de la Fe, James Hart, Earl Flanagan, James Migliaccio

Alternate: Suzanne Harsel

The Parks Committee held one meeting (April 6th) to review and discuss the proposed process for amending the park recommendations contained in the Parks

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# **Committee Updates**

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and Recreation section in the Policy Plan volume and the Area Plan volumes of the Comprehensive Plan. Phases 1-4 of the *Great Parks, Great Communities*Long Range Plan have been ongoing since 2007 and the

plan is currently scheduled for adoption by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board in June 2011. Following that adoption, Phase 5 will be initiated to create actual Plan language for a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. It is anticipated that once Plan language has been drafted, County staff will return to the Committee in the fall for its review prior to Board of Supervisors' requesting authorization for public hearings. County staff present at the meeting were Sterling Wheeler, Chief of the Policy and Plan Development Branch of DPZ; Sandy Stallman, Anna Bentley and David Bowen with the FCPA Planning and Development Division; and John Dargle, Jr., FCPA Director.

### **Telecommunications Committee**

Members: Janet Hall, Peter Murphy, John Litzenberger, James Migliaccio, Earl Flanagan

Alternates: James Hart, Ken Lawrence

The Telecommunications Committee held three meetings during the months of January through April. Each meeting is briefly summarized below.

January 13th: In response to a request made on November 16, 2010 by the Board of Supervisors, the Committee met with DPZ staff (David Marshall) to discuss whether 2232 review telecommunications facilities should be modified to require that applicants include discretionary third-party radio frequency (RF) testing results in staff reports. Mr. Marshall advised the Committee that the retired county employee who formerly performed RF testing for the county would not be replaced. The Committee expressed the following concerns: a requirement for third-party RF testing could conflict with the Federal statute; RF testing would likely not alter the opinion of neighboring residents in proposed the vicinity of а telecommunications structure; and adding an RF analysis to a staff report would shift focus to health issues which remained outside the Planning Commission's purview. Mr. Marshall suggested that the *Mobile and Land-Based Telecommunication Services* section of the Policy Plan be the blueprint for developing a strawman document in coordination with input from industry experts, staff, Committee members and Planning Commissioners.

March 3rd: The Committee continued to discuss the Board directive to review the possibility of requiring third-party RF testing for proposed telecommunications facilities. Commissioner Litzenberger distributed an aerial map charting RF emissions from a telecommunications tower and pointed out that emissions diminished significantly within 50 feet of the facility. He suggested that an aerial map be required in future telecommunications applications to help alleviate citizen Commissioner Hart voiced concerns. concern that adding an RF map could help reinforce those who opposed implementation of the

implementation of the towers, complicate the public hearing process and wrongly imply that health concerns were a factor within the purview of the Planning Commission to consider when making

decisions on telecommunications applications. The Committee then suggested revisions to the eight-page strawman draft prepared by staff on proposed modifications Mobile and Land-Based Telecommunication Services section of the Policy Plan. Not having completed its review, the Committee agreed to meet again to formulate a recommendation to present to the full Planning Commission for consideration and transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.

*March 23rd:* The Committee continued its discussion on the draft strawman of proposed modifications to the Policy Plan. Edits submitted by Committee members and staff were reviewed and further modified and returned to staff for additional rewrites. Discussion on this topic would continue on May 5, 2011.

The Committee also completed its discussion on a response to the Board of Supervisors' November 16, 2010 referral on possible RF testing on submitted telecommunications applications. The Committee made the following recommendation to the full Commission regarding requiring applicants to submit an independent RF analysis on 2232

applications at the request and discretion of the respective District Planning Commissioner:

- Notwithstanding the spike in citizen concern regarding possible health issues surrounding telecommunications facilities, Committee members stressed that Federal law prohibits local jurisdictions from denying any telecommunications facility based on health issues.
- The Federal Communications
   Commission, in its publications and
   oral and written statements, assures
   the public that RF emissions from
   telecommunications facilities not
   exceeding the Maximum Permitted
   Exposure limits set by the FCC and
   OSHA are not health hazards.
- While the Committee supports a respective Planning Commissioner's right to request an independent RF analysis from a 2232 telecommunications facilities applicant, a requirement to submit an analysis is not necessary.
- The 15.2-2232 process determines whether the criteria of character, location and extent are satisfied, not for evaluating testimony concerning the applicant's radiation studies.



At its regular meeting on March 23rd, the Planning Commission endorsed the Committee's recommendations based on the aforementioned rationale, and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors the response that the initial motion made by Supervisors Hyland and Herrity to require a RF analysis, be

amended to indicate that while the Board supported a Planning Commissioner's right to seek an independent RF analysis from the applicant, and noted that applicants may provide such information without solicitation – to include written and/or visual aid information – it was not a county requirement. (This motion was subsequently adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 29th.)

# **Update On South County Area Plans Review**

### **Background**

The 2009-2010 South County Area Plans Review (APR) process commenced in August of 2009 with a six-week submission period during which the public had the opportunity to propose site-specific changes to the land use recommendations found in the Area Plan volumes of the Comprehensive Plan. The five County Supervisor Districts included in the South County APR were: Braddock, Lee, Mason, Mount Vernon and Springfield. For more information on the 2009-2010 South County APR process, click on the Guide to the right.

# 2009-2010 South County Area Plans Review Guide

### **Status of Nominations**

A total of 67 nominations were submitted to the Planning Commission Office for review and the Board of Supervisors directed inclusion of 2 other proposals into the process, for a total of 69 nominations. Three nominations not meeting the submission requirements were rejected and the remaining 66 proposals were forwarded to the Department of Planning

and Zoning for analysis. Nine nominations were subsequently withdrawn. Of the 57 remaining items, 9 nominations were deemed to require review of a traffic impact analysis by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) inasmuch as the proposed density of land use change could add 5,000 or more daily vehicular trips to the roadway system. These nine nominations requiring VDOT review were processed on a "second track." Three nominations were deferred (one indefinitely, one to a special study coordinated with the City of Alexandria and one to a Penn Daw Plaza Special Study).



### **First Track Nominations**

The remaining 45 "first track" items were the subject of Planning Commission public hearings and mark-up sessions in 2010 (with one public hearing held in early 2011). Eleven of the "first track" nominations were denied by the Planning Commission. The remaining 34 items were forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing and final action, all of which were approved either wholly or as amended by staff, the Planning Commission and/or APR Task Forces.

Summary information for all of the "first track" nominations is available by clicking one of the South County Supervisor Districts reflected on the map to the left. This provides a hyperlink to the submitted nominations, staff reports and task force recommendations.

### **Second Track Nominations**

The nine nominations subject to VDOT review, based on the proposed intensity of use and in accordance with legislation adopted in 2007 by the Commonwealth of Virginia, are listed below by District:

Lee District: 09-IV-3RH

Mason District: 09-I-1L, 09-I-2L

Mount Vernon District: 09-IV-2MV, 09-IV-27MV, 09-IV-15MV, 09-IV-1MV, 09-IV-2LP

Springfield District: 09-III-1FC

Three items have been scheduled for Planning Commission public hearing in 2011 as follows:

April 14, 2011 APR-09-IV-2S and APR-09-III-1FC

June 16, 2011 APR-09-IV-2LP

The remaining six nominations requiring VDOT review have not yet been scheduled for public hearing.

# **First Quarter Land Use Update**

### Overview of 2011 First Quarter Activity

The Planning Commission held 11 regular meetings during the first 3 months of 2011. As shown in the table below, this is the fewest number of Planning Commission meetings held during the first quarter in the past five years and, with the exception of 2008, the Commission took fewer actions in the first three months of 2011 than in the preceding years.

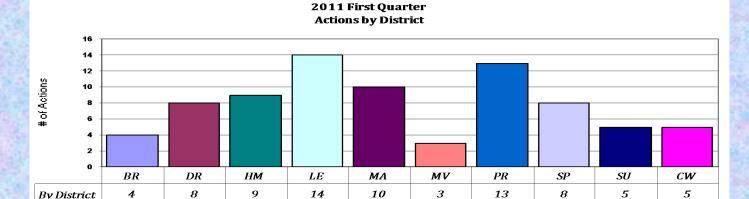
Planning Commission Land Use Activity						
2007 - 2011						
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Meetings	18	13	14	14	11	
Speakers	130	25	136	117	100	
Actions	82	51	96	123	79	

### **District Breakdown**

The two districts with the most land use activity were Lee (14 actions) and Providence (13 actions). The least active districts during the first three months of 2011 were Mount Vernon (three actions) and Braddock (four actions). The figure below depicts the first quarter activity for each district.

### **Types of Applications**

Of the 79 land use actions taken in the first quarter of 2011, nearly half were "feature shown" applications (public facility items determined by the Commission to be a "feature shown" of the Comprehensive Plan). Listed below in ascending order by application type are the numbers of actions taken by the Planning Commission during the first three months of 2011.



# **2011 PC Committee Appointments**

On February 16th, the Planning Commission ratified the 2011 committee appointments proposed by Chairman Peter Murphy for the nine special committees and two standing committees. In addition, on March 16th, two Commissioners were selected to serve on the following Board of Supervisors-appointed Committees:

- Airports Advisory Committee Earl Flanagan
- Economic Development Committee Jay Donahue

The members of the 2011 Planning Commission Committees are listed below by last name.

### **Standing Committees**

### **Policy & Procedures**

Alcorn, Hall, Harsel, Hart, Lawrence

Alternates: Flanagan, Litzenberger, Sargeant

### Personnel & Budget

de la Fe, Hall, Harsel, Murphy

Alternates: Litzenberger, Sargeant

### **Special Committees**

### **Capital Improvement Program**

de la Fe, Migliaccio, Murphy, Sargeant

Alternate: Litzenberger

### Land Use Process Review

Flanagan, Lawrence, Litzenberger, Murphy, Sargeant

Alternate: Hart

### Environment (Joint w/ Environmental Quality Advisory Council)

Donahue, Flanagan, Hart, Lawrence, Sargeant

Alternates: Alcorn, de la Fe, Migliaccio

# Parks (Joint w/ Fairfax County Park Authority)

de la Fe, Hart, Migliaccio, Flanagan

Alternate: Harsel

### Redevelopment & Housing (Joint w/ Redevelopment & Housing Authority)

Alcorn, de la Fe, Harsel, Litzenberger, Sargeant

Alternate: Flanagan

### Schools (Joint w/ Fairfax County Public Schools Board)

Alcorn, Harsel, Sargeant

Alternates: de la Fe, Flanagan

### **Telecommunications**

Flanagan, Hall, Litzenberger, Murphy, Migliaccio

Alternates: Lawrence, Hart

## Transportation

(Joint w/ Transportation Advisory Commission)

de la Fe, Donahue, Flanagan, Hart, Lawrence, Sargeant

### **Tysons Corner**

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Jay P. Donahue Dranesville District

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# **Congratulations to All!**

Congratulations to At-Large Commissioner Walter Alcorn on his appointment by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to the 2011 Advisory Citizen Reapportionment Committee. The Committee, charged with recommending possible redistricting options to the BOS, presented an options package to the BOS on March 29th. Subsequent to the presentation, the BOS held a public hearing on the options on April 12th and is scheduled to make a decision on April 26th. For information on the various options presented, link to:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/report.htm.

For additional information on the Reapportionment Committee , link to: <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax</a> board.asp? <a href="lookup=7015161">lookup=7015161</a>.

Congratulations to At-Large Commissioner Tim Sargeant on his reappointment by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell as a member of the Board of Visitors for Gunston Hall. His term expires September 30, 2011. This Board is charged with visiting, examining and reporting to the Governor on all proceedings of the



Board of Regents, including their supervision of Gunston Hall. A National Historic Landmark, Gunston Hall Plantation was built circa 1755-1760 and was the home of George Mason. It is located on 550 acres in Fairfax County and exemplifies colonial Georgian architecture. For more information on Gunston Hall, link to: <a href="http://www.gunstonhall.org">http://www.gunstonhall.org</a>.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to former Lee District Commissioner Rodney Lusk for being recognized by the Board of Supervisors on February 8, 2011 for his years of service on the Planning

Commission. Lusk resigned from the Commission effective June 30, 2010, after serving six-and-a-half years.

**Congratulations to Kara DeArrastia** on her promotion from Deputy Clerk to Clerk to the Commission/Administrative Assistant V effective on January 29th, filling the vacancy that occurred when Linda Rodeffer retired in November. Kara joined the Planning Commission Office in July 2004, having formerly worked for the Department of Finance and the Department of Tax Administration.

**Congratulations to Jeanette Nord** on her promotion from Associate Clerk to Deputy Clerk to the Commission/Administrative Assistant IV effective on April 9th, filling the vacancy that occurred when Kara DeArrastia became the Clerk to the Commission. Jeanette joined the Planning Commission Office in May 2007, after working for the Federal Government's General Services Administration for more than 16 years.